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This Amendment is submitted in response to the November 23, 2004 final Office Action issued in connection with the aboveidentified application. A response to the November 23, 2004 final Office Action under the shortened statutory period for reply is due February 23, 2005. However, because the November 23, 2004 Office Action is a "Final" Office Action, if applicants file a first response within two (2) months of the November 23, 2004 final Office Action, i.e. by January 23, 2005, and the Advisory Action is not mailed until after the three (3) month shortened statutory period, applicants would be entitled to pay any extension of time fees calculated from the mailing date of the Advisory Action. However, since January 23, 2005 was a Sunday, any response filed on the next business day that is not Applicants : Samuel J. Danishefsky and Bishan Zhou Serial No. : 10/728,580 Filed : December 5, 2003

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Please amend the subject application as follows: